

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A silver halide photographic emulsion comprising grains, wherein not less than 85% of the total projected area of the grains are occupied by tabular grains meeting requirements (i) to (vi) below:

- (i) silver bromochloroiodide grains having (111) faces as major surfaces,
- (ii) hexagonal grains having a ratio of the length of an edge having the maximum length to the length of an edge having the minimum length of not more than 2,
- (iii) perfect epitaxial grains having a total of six epitaxial junctions each existing only in each of six apex portions of the hexagonal grains,
- (iv) the silver chloride content is 1 to 6 mol%,
- (v) the silver iodide content is 0.5 to 10 mol%, and
- (vi) the silver chloride content of the epitaxial portion is less than 50 mol% ~~or less~~.

**2. (Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein said tabular grains further meet the following requirement:

- (vii) an equivalent circle diameter is not less than 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  and a thickness is not more than 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**3. (Original)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the variation coefficient of the equivalent-circle diameters of all the grains is not more than 30%.

**4. (Original)** The emulsion according to claim 2, wherein the variation coefficient of the equivalent-circle diameters of all the grains is not more than 30%.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein said tabular grains further meet the following requirement:

(viii) an equivalent-circle diameter is not less than 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a thickness is not more than 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. **(Original)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the variation coefficient of the equivalent-circle diameters of all the grains is not more than 20%.

7. **(Original)** The emulsion according to claim 2, wherein the variation coefficient of the equivalent-circle diameters of all the grains is not more than 20%.

8. **(Original)** The emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the variation coefficient of the equivalent-circle diameters of all the grains is not more than 20%.

9. **(Original)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the perfect epitaxial grains defined in said requirement (iii) have no dislocation line except in the epitaxial apex portions.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 2, wherein the perfect epitaxial grains defined in said requirement (iii) have no dislocation lines except in the epitaxial apex portion.

11-16. **(Canceled).**

17. **(Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein said tabular grains further meet the following requirement:

(ix) the silver chloride content of each individual tabular grain is 0.7 to 1.3 CL mol%, wherein CL mol% is the average silver chloride content of all the grains.

**18. (Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein said tabular grains further meet the following requirement:

(x) the silver iodide content of each individual tabular grain is 0.7 to 1.3 I mol%, wherein I mol% is the average silver iodide content of all the grains.

**19. (Original)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the pBr of the emulsion at 40°C is not more than 3.5.

**20. (Canceled).**

**21. (Original)** A silver halide photographic lightsensitive material having a sensitive layer on a support, wherein the sensitive layer contains the silver halide photographic emulsion according to claim 1.

**22. (Previously Presented)** The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein said tabular grains further meet the following requirement:

(xi) the silver iodide content of the epitaxial portion is 1 to 20 mol%.